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(54) **Method and apparatus for image recording, method and apparatus for image distribution, and programs thereof**

(57) An image representing people as a subject can be easily distributed to the people. Photography is carried out by using a digital camera 2, and image data S0 representing the subject image are recorded in a digital recording medium M. At this time, subject information H0 such as e-mail addresses representing the subject is sent from a terminal 1 such as a mobile terminal owned by the subject to the digital camera 2. The digital

camera 2 relates the subject information H0 to the image data S0 and stores in the digital recording medium M. The image data S0 and the subject information H0 are read from the digital recording medium M, and the image data S0 are distributed to an image server 31, a personal computer 32 and/or the terminal 1, based on the subject information H0.



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